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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas H. LEE et al.
Title: DENSE ARRAYS AND CHARGE
STORAGE DEVICES, AND
METHODS FOR MAKING SAME
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Examiner: Howard Weiss
Art Unit: 2814

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Weiss in conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned representative, Liza Toth and Dr. Thomas Lee on January 8, 2004. Applicants also appreciate Notice of Allowance mailed March 3, 2004.

Applicants note that the Amendment filed January 8, 2004 was filed after and in response to the interview of January 8, 2004. Prior to conducting the interview on January 8, 2004, the undersigned representative faxed an unsigned, informal copy of the amendment to the Examiner as a summary of arguments that applicants planned to present during the interview. The arguments listed in the amendment were then presented and discussed during the interview.

As agreed during the interview, applicants then filed an official signed copy of the amendment in the USPTO on the afternoon of January 8, 2004 as a response to the interview and to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2003. Thus, applicants believe that the

Amendment filed January 8, 2004 accurately describes the substance of the interview and that no additional response to the Interview Summary mailed January 12, 2004 is needed. However, if an additional response to the interview is needed, applicants request that this paper be treated as a statement of the substance of the interview and request that the USPTO charge deposit account 19-0741 for a two month extension of time.

Applicants note that paragraph 3 of the notice of allowance provides the following reasons for allowance: "a semiconductor device as claimed including a monolithic three dimensional array of charge storage devices could not be anticipated nor, in combination, be rendered obvious over the prior art of record." Applicants understand this statement to mean that the pending claims were allowed because they contained the above mentioned limitation in combination with the other limitations recited at least in the allowed independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that at least the pending independent claims are patentable for the reasons provided in the amendment filed January 8, 2004.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.